

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Local Human Rights Committee

MEETING MINUTES October 21, 2013

Members Present: Page Shields, Cindy Ring, Virginia Luong, Gayl Brunk

Others Present: Chuck Collins (HR Advocate), Terri Gibbs (The Arc), Crystal Kwolek (C.J. Designs), John Humphreys (Fair Haven Residential Services), Kathy Nelson (HRCSB), Heather N. Corbin, Amy Callahan and Sarah Iler (Pleasant View, Inc.), Andree Gitchell and Natalie Rinaca (RMH), Jay Wood (CC & Associates)

CALL TO ORDER/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Those in attendance made introductions.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from April and July 2013 meetings as mailed was made by Cindy Ring, seconded by Virginia Luong and unanimously approved by the Committee in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Page Shields asked Andree Gitchell (RMH) about their Quarterly Report and the licensing process of their PET Team. Andree Gitchell provided an update on their recent request to the HR LHRC to affiliate the PET team. Andree reported their Licensing Specialist informed them the PET Team operates under their currently licensed ED therefore a separate affiliation was not required.

AFFILIATION REQUEST

Heather Corbin of Pleasant View Inc. presented an affiliation request to the LHRC members for a new Sponsored Placement in Broadway. Page Shields moved to accept the affiliation request. Cindy Ring seconded the motion. The request was unanimously approved by the committee. In attendance. Chuck Collins will inform the Licensing Specialist the request was reviewed and approved by the LHRC Committee Members in attendance. Chuck Collins will follow-up with a letter of affiliation to Pleasant View Inc..

ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTS

RMH: Andree Gitchell presented the Annual Report. Andree reported on the 9 allegations of abuse and 29 informal complaints that occurred during the 2012 calendar year. She also reported on policy changes that included improved observation checks; additional personal alarms to increase awareness and safety; a revised visitation policy to increase number of visitors and extended visiting hours during holidays; introduction of Pet Therapy; and policies to improve environmental safety that included adding mirrors to the waiting room area for children.

Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB: Kathy Nelson provided the Annual Report. HRCSB provides an array of services to adults and children with mental health, intellectual disability, and/or substance use concerns. Services include MH, ID and SA Case management, medication management, mental health supports, psychosocial

rehabilitation, and individual and group MH and SA psychotherapy, emergency services, residential support, early intervention services, peer support services and crisis stabilization in a residential setting. Human Rights training is provided to all new staff and students through a power point orientation and quiz, additional information is provided at a group orientation session held during the first month of employment. All staff complete an annual Human Rights training by attending a yearly in-service or by reviewing the power point module of training. This year's in-service was provided by the regional advocate, Chuck Collins. HRCBS reported four Peer to Peer incidences none of which were founded as neglect and eight complaints; 5 pertaining to dignity; 1 pertaining to services; 1 pertaining to participation in decision making and 1 pertaining to confidentiality. Four of these complaints were considered Formal complaints and four as Informal. All resolved from the Director level or below.

Review of Quarterly Reports

Page Shields asked Sunset Ridge to explain a portion of their Quarterly Report that pertained to bed rails. Gayle Brunk asked Pleasant View a couple of questions about their Quarterly Report. Chuck Collins reported he will inform Affiliates when the Quarterly and Annual Reports will be replaced with CHRIS reports. CHRIS questions and discussion pursued in regards to Abuse and Neglect reporting as it pertains to Medication Errors and Peer to Peer incidents as well as several questions pertaining to SIRs. Chuck Collins provided guidance on reporting.

ADVOCATE REPORT

Chuck Collins provided an update on the progress of the new WSH building; Patients are scheduled to move in Oct. 29, 2013. Chuck Collins informed Affiliates and Members of the Human Rights Training is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at the Simms building from 10 till noon. Chuck provided an update on the DOJ pre-admission visits that have taken place over the past year. He reports there are still 300 individuals remaining at CVTC who need placement and 100 remain at the Northern VA Center. Chuck Collins provided an update on the START Program and solicited Affiliate input.

OTHER BUSINESS /AFFILIATE COMMENTS.

Re-election of HR LHRC Officers took place (Re-election of officers did not take place in July as there were only 2 members present.) Gayl Brunk motioned for the current chair and officer assignments to continue. Cindy Ring seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Committee members in attendance.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2014 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Lucy F. Simms Board Conference Room. The Lucy F. Simms Building is located at 620 Simms Avenue Harrisonburg, VA 22802

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY RESTRAINTS AND SPECIAL FRIEND AR ASSIGNMENT

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to move that the Committee go into executive session under Section 2.2-3711 (A), Subparagraph 15 of the Virginia Code regarding discussion or consideration of medical and mental records.

The Committee met in Executive Session.

Heather Corbin of Pleasant View Inc. presented two cases for approval of Health and Safety Restraints. The Committee in attendance unanimously approved the request for

use of a suctioning machine. The request for a half door in a kitchen entrance at a residential placement was approved by the committee with a majority vote of three and one opposing vote. Gayl Brunk opposed the request..

Heather Corbin of Pleasant View Inc. also presented a request for a Special Friend AR Appointment. The individual being considered as a Special Friend AR represented herself via a letter to the Committee. This individual had been presented to this committee in the past and was approved as a Special Friend AR to another consumer. The Committee Members unanimously approved the request presented today.

Page Shields moved that the Committee certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matter as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board, and (3) the proposed treatment plan was approved by the committee. The above certifications were confirmed by a roll call of all members present.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ring
HRLHRC Secretary

Kathy Nelson
HRCSB Liaison/Recording Secretary